

the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino Act of 2007.

H.R. 512 would establish a commission to develop a plan of action to establish and maintain a National Museum of the American Latino in our nation's capital.

The 23 qualified individuals selected for membership in the commission would be charged with producing a national conference to bring together experts, stakeholders, policy-makers and other interested groups to discuss the museum's viability. In addition, the commission would create a comprehensive fundraising plan of action to be presented to Congress.

America is home to nearly 40 million Latinos who share in its unique culture and heritage, yet no permanent exhibit exists in Washington, DC to commemorate the Latino community's unique contributions to the rich cultural tapestry of America.

Washington, DC's wonderful museums reflect the rich mosaic of cultural diversity that is

America. It is important that the unique lessons of history, art and culture of the Latino community are included when Washingtonians, Americans, and international travelers come to learn about America and Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to support H.R. 512 establishing a Commission to study the potential creation of the National Museum of the American Latino, and I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation.

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RECOGNIZING WILL GORMAN FOR  
ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE  
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**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 9, 2007*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Will Gorman, a very spe-

cial young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 214, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Will has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Will has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Will Gorman for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.